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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above identified application.

With the present Amendment, applicant canceled the original claims and submitted a new set of claims including claim 30, the broadest claim on file, and claim 31-43 which depend on it.

The claims have been drafted in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice to clearly distinguish the present invention from the prior art.

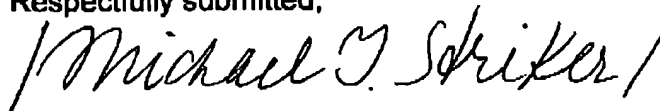
Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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Respectfully submitted,

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